

his father took care of the livestock. Married 6 years later, he and his wife Marjorie raised a family of five children. Although it was difficult to adjust after his wartime and POW experiences, Arnold made the best of his opportunities and cherished being an American. "After you lose your freedom, then you understand what freedom means," he said. "Americans are free, even if we sometimes think we aren't."

In May 2009, Arnold participated with other North Dakota World War II veterans in an Honor Flight that took them to the World War II Memorial and other sites in Washington, DC.

Arnold Postovit is one of 60,000 North Dakotans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. Of those, nearly 2,000 gave their lives for our freedom in this largest and deadliest conflict in world history. With only some 500 World War II veterans still alive today in North Dakota, the heroism of every single one of them is appreciated more than ever.

Throughout his life, Arnold has embodied the best of the Greatest Generation. He has lived a meaningful life, sharing his story as a World War II soldier so the rest of us can better understand and appreciate the selfless service and sacrifice each and every veteran has made. On behalf of all North Dakotans, I wish Arnold Postovit a very happy 100th birthday on August 20 and many more years of health and vitality. As he celebrates with his family and many friends in Tioga on August 22, I honor him as one of North Dakota's most exemplary citizens.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN ERLICHMAN

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the extraordinary career of Susan Erlichman, Esquire, the executive director of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, on the eve of her retirement after 32 years of remarkable public service. Susan is a devoted public servant and tireless advocate for civil legal services for those who need them most in the State of Maryland.

The Maryland Legal Services Corporation—MLSC—is the state's largest funder of civil legal aid. Its mission, as established by the Maryland General Assembly, is ensuring that low-income Marylanders have access to reliable, productive, and worthwhile civil legal assistance by distributing and overseeing grants to nonprofits statewide. Since its creation in 1982, MLSC has distributed grants totaling over \$312 million. In turn, grantees have assisted Marylanders in more than 3.5 million legal matters, ranging from family to housing to employment to healthcare cases, in which they would otherwise have been hard-pressed to access legal aid.

Susan Erlichman's career with the MLSC spanned an incredible 32 years,

including 17 as the organization's executive director. During her tenure in that position, Susan oversaw the tripling of MLSC's annual budget, from \$6 million to \$20 million. She also helped to found a robust working relationship between the Administrative Office of the Courts and MLSC that significantly expanded Maryland's Judicare Family Law program and the number of residents it serves. Perhaps one of her greatest accomplishments, however, was pioneering an innovative program to remove barriers to employment in Maryland by placing civil legal aid lawyers in projects aimed at the fostering of more productive and prosperous workforces.

From the 2008 recession to our current-day COVID-19 pandemic, Susan's drive, tenacity, and compassion has been an invaluable asset to our state. Through the projects I have mentioned and the countless others that she has led, Susan has utilized her institutional insight and diplomatic skills to bring together a wide coalition of allies to support and strengthen civil legal services. Susan has been an incredible leader to MLSC staff, even during the hardest of times.

Access to justice is a significant, growing challenge in Maryland and nationwide that has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In most cases, low-income Americans receive inadequate or no legal help due to lack of available resources, even though they are eligible and entitled to this legal assistance. During the pandemic, the Legal Services Corporation—LSC—reported that 94 percent of grantees surveyed said they were providing services to clients who were newly eligible for legal aid during the COVID-19 pandemic. I credit Susan and the excellent work of MLSC with making it as easy as possible for me to advocate for Federal funding. Her work and that of her peers nationwide has generated bipartisan support in Congress that was significant enough to turn back an effort to disband the agency entirely in the last administration. There is no doubt that Susan's leadership has allowed MLSC to endure as a beacon of hope in the face of the surge in demand since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The MLSC is an organization near and dear to my heart. From August 1988 through June 1995, I was privileged to serve as its chair. Previously, I chaired a task force that produced an Action Plan for Legal Services to Maryland's Poor in January of 1988. Many recommendations from the action plan, such as conversion of the Interest on Lawyer Trust Account—IOLTA—program from voluntary to mandatory, were ultimately adopted. I enjoyed working with Susan, who coincidentally joined the organization in 1988, to implement the action plan and make other improvements. Although I moved on from MLSC a few years later, I was happy to know the organization was in such good hands. I am also con-

fident that Susan's successor, Deb Seltzer, will continue Susan's legacy and make great progress towards achieving the mission of the MLSC.

In announcing Susan's retirement, MLSC board chair Natalie McSherry had this to say: "Susan Erlichman is a giant among all leaders of IOLTA and other funding entities for civil legal services. We have been incredibly blessed to have had the benefit of her leadership for so many years." It is clear that Susan's impact on the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, and the State of Maryland for that matter, will be felt for years to come. For that, I sincerely thank her for her service to our State's citizens and wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3325. An act to award four congressional gold medals to the United States Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1682. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; IFQ Program; Modify Temporary Transfer Provisions" (RIN0648-BK41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1683. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United